



250th Anniversary
CARMEL MISSION
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Christ Embracing Saint Bernard
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 13, 2020

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

— Psalms 103:3-4, 8



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we read one of my favorite psalms, 103, "The Lord is Kind and Merciful." The readings from the Book of Sirach and the Gospel reading today focus greatly on the aspect of mercy - God's boundless mercy for us and how that must be the example of the mercy we show to others. The same rule applies in regard to kindness. As we experience God's kindness in our lives, we are invited to reflect that in the kindness we show to one another.

When we examine the world today we may find that, on the whole, kindness is sorely lacking in our human society. Sadly, on a larger, more institutional level, this is often the case. But when I consider the small, day to day examples of kindness I see expressed in our human interactions there is cause for great hope. I see people who take their time, their money, their energy and give freely to one another, not for gain but out of the kindness of their hearts. We witness this in our community. We see it in the ministries that continue to serve the needy and the vulnerable, especially in this difficult and dangerous time. We see it in the generous spirit of you, our parish family, who give of yourselves to keep our community alive and vibrant. We are made in the image of the kind and merciful God. When we show kindness and mercy, we do not simply curry favor with God, we become what God intends, more loving and more free.

It is often in small, simple things that larger truths can be found. One of the things that you have expressed to us in the months since we began streaming the Mass and other videos from our Mission grounds is how much you love the beauty of the flowers in our Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a reflection of the beauty of our God, and thus of the beauty of ourselves, made in God's image. We are re-introducing altar flowers to our Masses, both streaming and outdoor, as a reminder of the beauty of which we are all a part and as a way to enhance the worship of our loving God. There is a new opportunity to contribute to the weekly flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, in celebration, or in thanksgiving. I invite you to visit our e-bulletin for more information.

This week, I encourage you to join me in celebrating the small acts of kindness and mercy we see and experience, and in finding new ways to reflect the awesome kindness and mercy of our infinitely loving God in our relationships with one another and with ourselves.

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, great mercy, and the random kindness of strangers,

Fr. Paul

CARMEL MISSION ADVISORY

Information About the Mission's Reopening

Outdoor Sunday Masses and Reconciliation are back.



STOP **Feeling Sick?**
Stay home when you are sick!

If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms please leave the building and contact your health care provider. Then follow-up with your supervisor.

DO NOT ENTER if you have:

- FEVER** (Icon: person with thermometer)
- COUGH** (Icon: person coughing)
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH** (Icon: lungs)

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS
Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.

6 ft

(Illustration of two people standing 6 feet apart with virus particles between them)

Air Quality Update

We monitor the air quality due to the fires and plan to have Masses on Sunday based on the forecast. If the air quality conditions at the Mission are unhealthy, we may have to cancel Mass. Please check our website prior to attending Mass for notifications, should Mass be canceled. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for all affected by the fires.

Join us this Saturday, September 5 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and on Sunday, September 6 for our Outdoor Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the Central Courtyard.

As always, our Sunday streaming Mass will be available on our website early Sunday morning. For those who are sick and cannot attend or prefer to watch from home.

Click the icons below to watch the streaming Masses

The following buildings will remain closed until further notice.

- Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Crespi Parish Hall
- Basilica
- Carmel Mission Museums
- St. Francis of the Redwoods, Big Sur

Click here to go our Online Advisory Page

REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

Mass & Reconciliation in Central Courtyard

Masses

Sunday Mass:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday (Daily) Mass:

Suspended until further notice.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Weather and Outdoor Conditions: We are very fortunate to have such a large beautiful outdoor space in our Central Courtyard where we can celebrate Mass comfortably with appropriate social distancing.

In addition to distancing, we require attendees, including children, to stay in their seats and not move about the courtyard for any reason.

We are very concerned about the health of all who attend Mass and we must ensure that everyone maintains appropriate distancing and also hope that everyone can be comfortable in our outdoor setting. The weather can change suddenly, so please dress for variable conditions. We have limited seats in the shade, so please be prepared for the sun by bringing a hat or umbrella.

If at any time you are not comfortable, please get the attention of an Usher, who will assist with relocating you.

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Singing: All singing and chanting is prohibited in houses of worship at this time.

Financial stewardship: We will be taking up a collection at the Masses on Sundays. Electronic giving through carmelmission.org remains a preferred option, but also feel free to bring your weekly offering to Sunday Mass.

For more information, visit carmelmission.org.

Guidelines for Attending Mass

The safety of our parishioners, staff, and celebrants is critically important as we come together. Per Diocesan guidelines Parishioners who are medically vulnerable or over the age of 65 should remain at home for now.

Parking: Parking for Sunday Masses will be available in the school lot. Access to the Mission will only be available through the Parishioner Parking lot gate.

Volunteers: Volunteer monitors and ushers are needed for our Sunday Masses. If you wish to volunteer please email Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org. Access to the Sanctuary and Sacristy remains restricted to Staff only.

Please watch our video:
[Guidelines for Mass Outdoors](#)



REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

Carmel Mission Store

MISSION STORE - NOW OPEN

Wednesday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Basilica & Museums closed until further notice.

The Carmel Mission Store

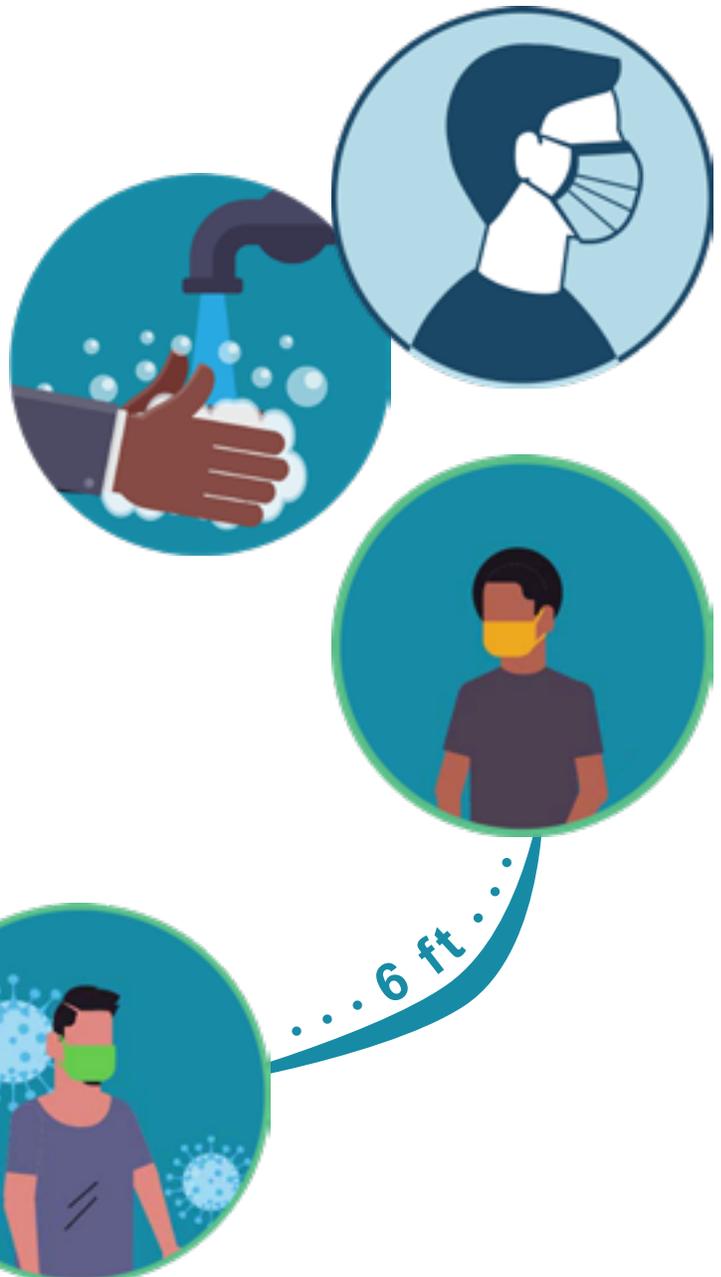
For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a face mask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit. Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick video on the Guidelines for visiting the Mission Store.

Under the new guidelines, our Museums and Basilica are temporarily closed during visits. The Mission Store remains open to welcome our visitors and parishioners.

For more information please visit our online Advisory page at carmelmission.org/carmel-mission-reopening-advisory/.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

***I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into
my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.***

***Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.***

Today's Readings: Sunday, September 13

First Reading Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (*SIR 27:30–28:7*)

Psalm The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (*PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*)

Second Reading Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, (*ROM 14:7-9*)

Gospel "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" (*MT 18:21-35*)

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 14

NM 21:4B-9
PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
PHIL 2:6-11
JN 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15

1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A
PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5
JN 19:25-27

Wednesday, September 16

1 COR 12:31-13:13
PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 AND 22
LK 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17

1 COR 15:1-11
PS 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28
LK 7:36-50

Friday, September 18

1 COR 15:12-20
PS 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15
LK 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19

1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49
PS 56:10C-12, 13-14
LK 8:4-15

Sunday, September 20

IS 55:6-9
PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
PHIL1:20C-24, 27A
MT 20:1-16A

Scripture Message

In the scripture readings today the focus is very much on the quality of mercy. The mercy God shows to each of us which is an example of how we are to treat one another, and ourselves. As the psalmist says, "The Lord is kind and merciful." In the Gospel, Jesus cautions us that we are expected to extend the mercy we receive from God to those who may have wronged us or caused us pain. Sirach says, "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." Indeed, it can be easier to be wrapped up in our grievances, to open our hearts with forgiveness can feel like opening them to be hurt again, hence the saying, forgive but don't forget. Our God asks more of us, we are to forgive as lavishly as He does. We know that God always wants and works for what is good and right for us, so why is it good for us to forgive? So often, anger and grudges are much more of a prison for the holder than for the recipient. Our God wants us to be free, free to love, to be joyful, to experience the good in life. This cannot be done when we are hugging our wrath and anger tight. The nature of humanity is that we will each need, at some time, the forgiveness of others, how can we expect to be forgiven if we cannot forgive? And in the work, the difficult, ongoing and perhaps lifelong work of learning to forgive, we may learn how to forgive the most difficult person of all, ourselves. When we do this we come ever closer being to the person God made us to be, beautiful, empowered, and free.

Electronic Giving Makes Perfect Sense in These Times

Thank you to so many of you who have adopted electronic giving.

Quick and Easy - Setup Support Available

- Signing up and making single or scheduled contributions is easy – just click the donate button on [our website](#) and sign up today. We will have someone available during business hours to provide any required assistance.

Electronic Giving Saves Money and Time

- Envelope mailings are costly for parishioners and the parish
- Check processing and money handling are time consuming
- Our method of collections are to change as we will have collection boxes to replace pew collections when we come back together
- Accurate contribution tracking is available at all times



Report for weeks ending on 8/30/2020:

Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$3,964.56
Weekend: \$ 635.00

Mail Donations: \$2,081
Sunday — Masses: \$2,322

Total Donations: \$9,002.56



AMA 2020 UPDATE

The Heavenly Sounds Campaign Continues

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

At this time of uncertainty and suffering I am happy to be able to report some very good news in regard to our Heavenly Sounds campaign.

As many of you are aware the focus of our AMA fundraising campaign this year is to provide much needed upgrades and repairs to our beautiful Casavant organ and to improve and enhance our sound systems both in the Basilica and in our Courtyards.

Just as the campaign was beginning to gain momentum, our nation was struck with the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to grip us today. Thanks to your enormous generosity we are able, even in these difficult times, to make forward progress in the Heavenly Sounds campaign.

The Carmel Mission Foundation, whose purpose is to raise funding for the preservation and restoration of our beautiful Mission, has had oversight of our Organ Restoration Fund. The donations to this fund (totaling over \$50,000) have been handed over to our parish and will be used exclusively for the restoration of our Casavant organ. I wish to thank all who have contributed to this worthy cause over the years.

The current conditions have warranted the enhancements to our outdoor sound capability in ways we could not have imagined when the campaign began. We plan to purchase a portable sound system, which will allow a sustainable way forward to holding Mass in the Central Courtyard, and also be very useful for delivering sound wherever it is needed in either Courtyard when we return to our usual events and especially as we look forward to special events in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our founding in 2021.

The campaign continues and still needs your support. While we have been able to make progress on some of our goals, we continue to hope to be able to accomplish all we envisioned with our Heavenly Sounds campaign, including installed video cameras for the continued live streaming of Masses as well as to improve the quality of the sound in the Basilica and complete the first phase of the organ restoration project. All this will only be possible with your generous support.

Please stay tuned for future updates, and thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to our Heavenly Sounds campaign.

We all look forward to raising our voices in praise of our God again soon and enjoying the beautiful music in our Basilica.

Blessings of good health and renewed hope,
Fr. Paul



For more information, visit our AMA page at carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/

The Immaculate Heart Of Mary



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the devotion we celebrate in June), and with good reason. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son.



PLANNING FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CARMEL MISSION

1771 — 2021



The planning for the 250th Anniversary of our Mission's founding, a significant event for our community and the history of California, has begun.



Come today as a pilgrim to this Mission of San Carlos, which so powerfully evokes the heroic spirit and heroic deeds of Fray Junípero Serra and which enshrines his mortal remains. **This serene and beautiful place is truly the historical and spiritual heart of California.** All the missions of El Camino Real bear witness to the challenges and heroism of an earlier time, but not a time forgotten or without significance for the California of today and the Church of today.

— ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS, ST. JOHN PAUL II
Basilica of the Mission of San Carlos in Carmel
Thursday, September 17, 1987

We look forward to presenting a year long celebration of liturgical, cultural and musical events. Learn more at CarmelMission.org



Carmel Mission captured over the years from a similar vantage point.



Sick in the Parish

All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every mass. At this time we pray especially for:

Nancy Buchanan,	Brandon Paulikas,
Mary Cea,	Julieta Evangelista,
Larry Fry,	Dan Ukestad,
Knox Mellon,	Nancy D'Angelo,
Richard Cruickshank,	Ruth Flynn,
John Flynn,	Phyllis Loyko,
Charles Cardoza,	Missy Student,
Gwen Foster,	Lois Jones,
Vivian Sweeney,	Marjorie Coleman,
Mercedes Ferrante,	Jim Gill,
Frank Machalla,	Barry Long
King Williams,	



Recently Deceased in our Parish

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, especially:

Bruna Odello,	Jovita Martin Cabrera,
Maria Leonor Horta,	Jeanne Johnson,
Ed Soberanes,	Judy Mollner,
Dr. Janusz Belza,	Ernie Bizzazero,
Paul Marto,	Bob Condry,
Sally Fitzpatrick,	Mary Dills,
Kathleen Conley,	Elinor Laiolo,
Nicacia Lares Ramos,	Dr. Maria Gurney
Carla Coniglio,	
Thomas McCullough,	
John Calcagno,	

... that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them; and may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Altar Flowers Opportunity



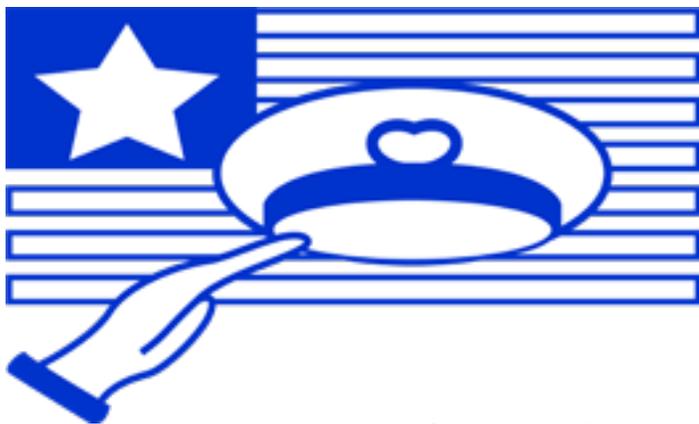
As we have been streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds over this past six months, we have received so much positive feedback from our community on the features of the flowers in our beautiful Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty of God, in whose image we are made. When we enjoy beautiful flowers, plants and trees we are celebrating the God's gift of the natural world.

We are so happy to reintroduce the beauty of altar flowers to our Masses each week. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$65 in memory or honor of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or in thanksgiving to God.

The altar flowers will be a part of our streaming Mass as well as our outdoor Masses each Sunday and your dedication will included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org for more information and to schedule your gift.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to ensure that these symbols of beauty and life are part of our weekly celebrations.



Please Pray For Our Military

Keep in prayer our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our parish family who are in service to their country in the Armed Forces abroad:

**Michael Healy, Richard Brophy
and Robert Maher**

We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm and pray for their families while they are far from home.

Prayer Requests and Special Intentions

Our prayer request email is a great way to let us know about your prayer requests, any special intentions you may have, and if you know of anyone in our parish family who is ill we ask that you share that with us so we may pray for them, and reach out to them or their family.

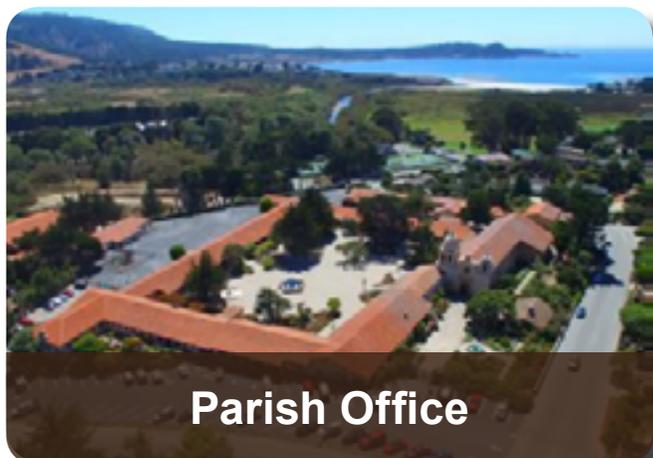
**Send Your
Prayer Request**



CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT.

We look forward to speaking with you.

We are planning to reach out and connect with each and everyone in our parish, and will begin calling our parishioners in the coming days. We want to know how you are faring. We also would like to share with you how we have been contending with the circumstances brought upon us by these uncertain times. We want to ensure you know about the steps we have taken to continue our connection with you through our emails, streaming weekend Masses, Daily Prayer Messages and the PRAYER REQUEST button on our website.



Parish Office

We have added a new page on our website named PARISH OFFICE. As we speak with you, we would like to update our parish records. We want to learn what forms of communication are most useful to you. We would also like to hear your suggestions and feedback on how to better serve you and our community.

Though you will contacting us through our website, we will be here to respond to you in person.

Please go to www.carmelmission.org to find the most up-to-date news on Mission activities. We will post information regarding the re-opening of the Mission as soon as we are able to welcome back parishioners and visitors.

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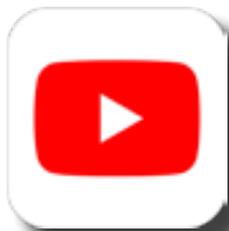
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We have further expanded our reach on the web for parishioners and visitors to connect with us. Click the links below to go to our different online platforms.



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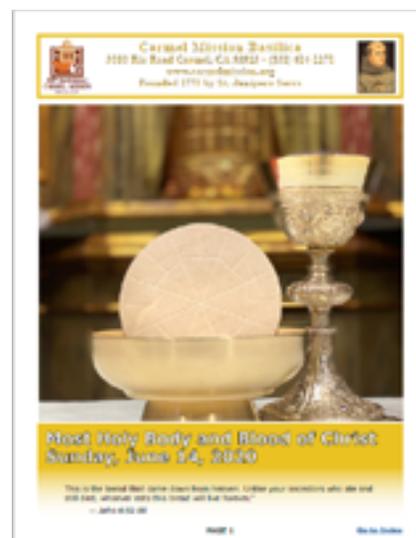
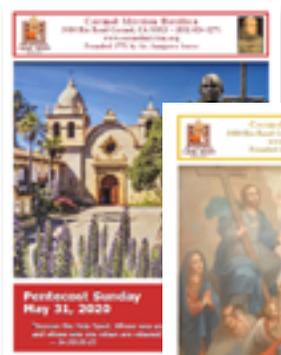
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- Weekly Streaming Mass
- Weekly Bulletin
- Parish Updates
- and More!



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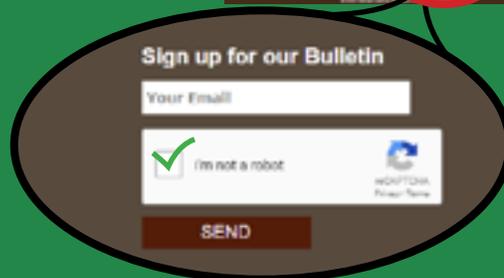
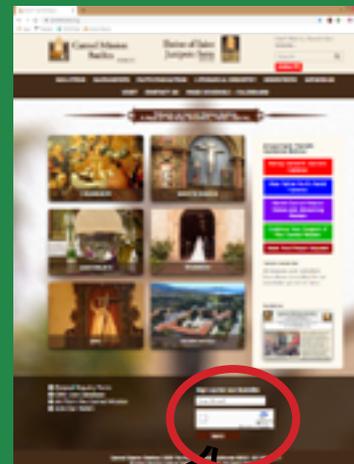
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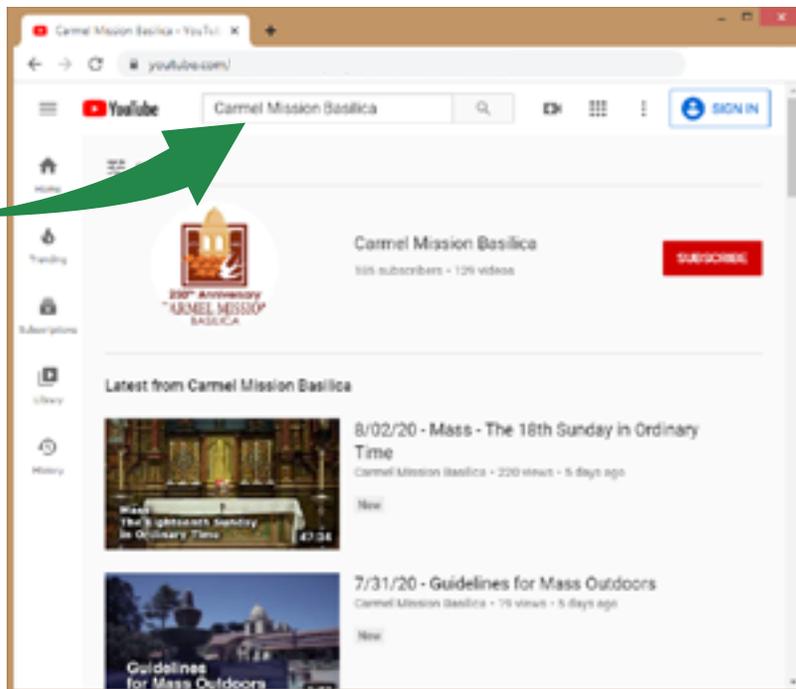


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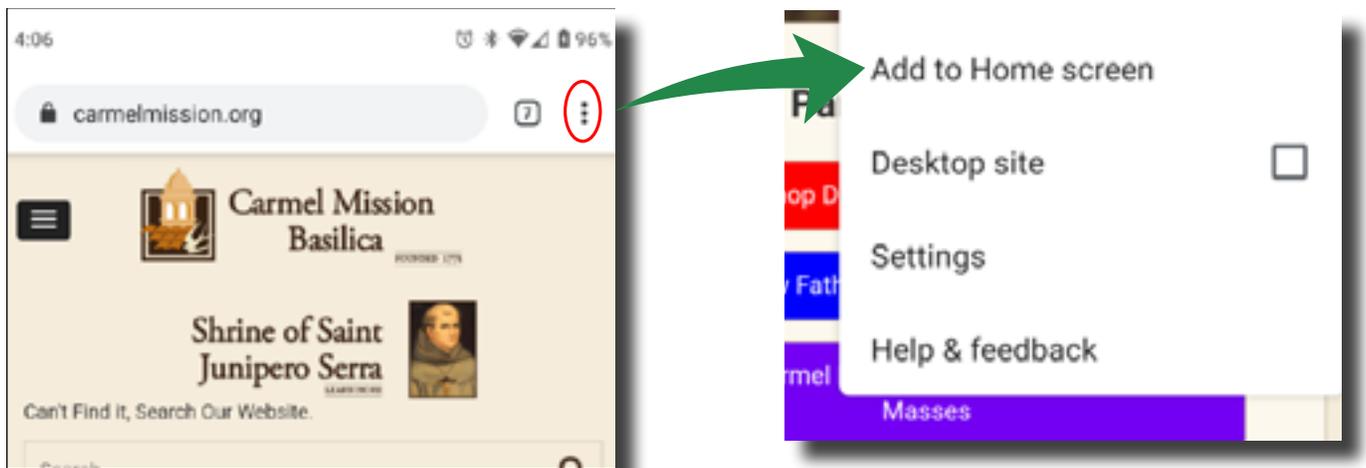
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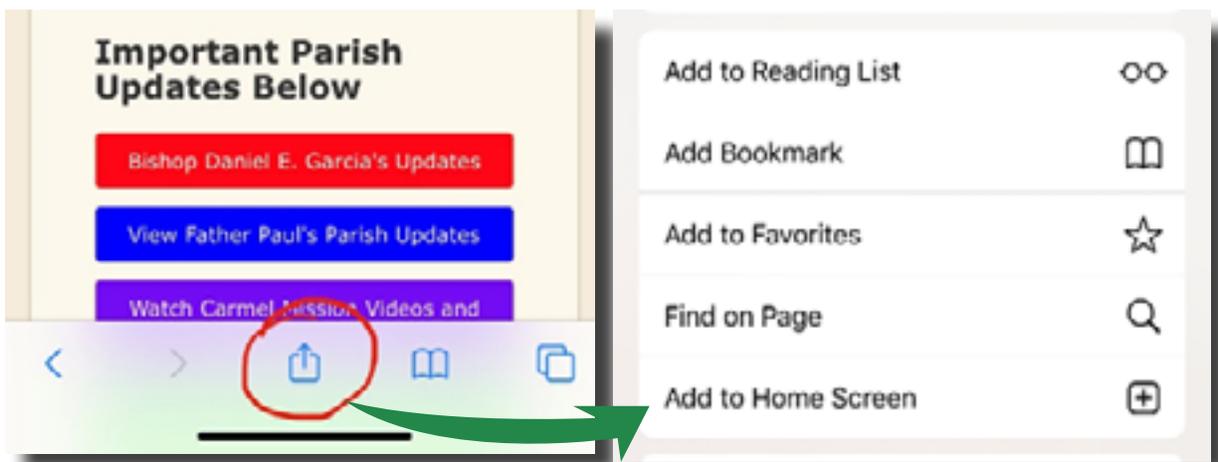
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